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Applicants: **Alfred H. Merrill, Jr. et al.**

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Examiner: **Meller, M.V.**

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For: **METHOD OF ALTERING SPHINGOLIPID METABOLISM AND
DETECTING FUMONISIN INGESTION AND CONTAMINATION**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and a check for \$460.00 are enclosed. Although no additional fees are believed by the Applicants to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.